

Dear Sirs,

Last week on a local radio station (WTMJ-AM, Milwaukee, WI), I heard what I think was a promotional announcement regarding the station's license renewal with the FCC. What I heard sounded like an invitation for the public to comment regarding the station's programming.

I called the station's business office to ask if there was a form available, which I could submit directly to the FCC, because I had a complaint to make. I spoke with one of the radio station's new producers, and briefly summarized my complaint. I asked about how to go about contacting the FCC, to make the complaint directly to the agency. I was directed to call station management, instead. The same thing happened when I called back, again.

Quite by chance, when I was surfing the web today for news stories, this link (through commondreams.org) to [freepress/net](http://freepress.net) connected me to this blank web submission form...

And yes, while I do believe that it is a complete and total violation of campaign finance laws for Sinclair broadcasting to force their affiliates to air a commercial free, in-kind contribution to the Republican presidential campaign (add my name to the --hopefully -- long list of protesters on this one), what I wanted to contact you about originally was something I heard on AM radio, here in Milwaukee on WTMJ-AM.

It was the night of the first presidential debate between Senator John Kerry and President Bush. (The debate that was moderated by Jim Lehrer.) The station had a major league baseball game on during the debate but rebroadcast the debate later in the evening, following the "Michael Savage" program. This rebroadcast was accompanied by voice-over comments made by Mr. Savage. That's actually describing what he did pretty mildly. Please, if there's any way for you to get a full audio copy of Mr. Savage's voice-over remarks during the rebroadcast of that debate -- please, please do so. The man was screaming at what sounded like the top of his lungs, calling for the arrest of Jim Lehrer. By comparison, I think that the Nazi judge at the "trial" of the bunker bomb plotters would have seemed mild and impartial. I have since been tuning in from time to time to this program and the incredible mixture of distortion, outright lies and preposterous mis-characterizations (Spain in the 7th century A.D. was conquered by the Saracens because they were "socialists") is frightening. If this program is supposed to have any educational, public value,

besides shilling/hectoring/badgering listeners into accepting ideas that would scare all but the most lunatic fringe of the Republican party, I just don't see it.

But that's just me. Get a tape of the debate programming. Listen for yourselves.

Thank you.

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